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Education Lottery Commission Names Additional Station To Broadcast Live Powerball Drawing Show

RALEIGH – The North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) Commission today approved WITN-TV as the Greenville area market television station to televise the Powerball drawings and any future North Carolina lottery online game drawings.

An NCEL committee that reviewed the submissions recommended WITN-TV based on a scoring system that took into account several criteria to include background and financial viability; response to required services; overall approach; and promotional offerings. WITN-TV will provide the service at no cost to the NCEL, but the NCEL will spend more on advertising with the station.

WITN and WRAL-TV will televise the first Powerball drawing that players in North Carolina will be able to buy tickets for on Wednesday, May 31. The first Powerball tickets will go on sale in North Carolina Tuesday, May 30. The stations will televise the Powerball drawings every Wednesday and Saturday during the 11 p.m. news.

For more information about the NCEL, visit its Web sites at www.nc-educationlottery.org or <a href="https://www.nc-educationlottery.o

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